

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

FC 2001-070993

02/03/2012

HONORABLE MICHAEL D. GORDON

CLERK OF THE COURT
M. MINKOW
Deputy

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF
THOMAS S SULLIVAN

THOMAS S SULLIVAN
7900 E PRINCESS DR # 1006
SCOTTSDALE AZ 85255

AND

SANDY MERRIGAN

JAMES F WEES

HOLLY JUDGE
1265 S CORRINE DR
GILBERT AZ 85296
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE
SERVICES-CCC

**EMERGENCY MOTION AND RULING
REVIEW HEARING SET
BEST INTERESTS ATTORNEY TO BE APPOINTED**

4:03 p.m. Courtroom 108 NE. This is the time set for Telephonic Hearing Re: Petitioner's Emergency Motion, filed February 3, 2012. Petitioner/Father is telephonically present on his own behalf. Respondent/Mother is telephonically present and telephonically represented by above-named counsel.

A record of the proceedings is made by audio and/or videotape in lieu of a court reporter.

Thomas Sullivan and Sandy Merrigan are sworn and testify and counsel proceeds by avowal.

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IT IS ORDERED:

- Mother's parenting time with the minor child, Marina, is affirmed and shall proceed as court-ordered. Mother shall ensure that Marina has access to her cell phone and shall allow her to call Father, if she believes emergency circumstances exist.
- Father and Mother shall work together to see whether the counselor can provide some counseling that involves Mother as well for Marina.

The Court finds that because there are ongoing allegations of abuse, it is in the best interests of the children to appoint a Best Interests Attorney. By separate minute entry, the Court will appoint a Best Interests Attorney to represent the minor children. If that Best Interests Attorney finds there is a conflict with representing both children, he/she shall so advise the Court, and another Best Interests Attorney will be appointed—one for each child. The Court finds that the parties lack the ability to pay the fees of the Best Interests Attorney, and the Office of Public Defense Services is hereby directed to compensate the Best Interests Attorney for his services herein at the contract rate.

IT IS ORDERED that both parties shall cooperate fully with the Best Interests Attorney.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED setting Review Hearing on **March 20, 2012, at 8:30 a.m.**, for 30 minutes, in this Division at Northeast Regional Court Center, 18380 North 40th Street, Courtroom 108, Phoenix, Arizona 85032.

Given the parties diametrically opposing positions, i.e., Mother's position being that Father is feeding Marina with information and encouraging an estrangement between Mother and Marina, and Father's position being that Mother is engaging in abuse of the minor child, if either of those positions bears out, the Court will impose sanctions.

4:44 p.m. Matter concludes.

All parties representing themselves must keep the Court updated with address changes. A form may be downloaded at: <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/Self-ServiceCenter>.